

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 17, 2000

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Bennett, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Vaughn Radi Chris Fulton Steve Bennett Budd Eversman Maria Klemack

1. Mr. Eversman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

2. President Bennett moved to excuse Mayor Grossman; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

3. President Bennett read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair recognized Mr. Radi, Chairman of the Lands Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-2-00 (Approve the Special Use Permit for MAACO Auto Painting & Bodyworks located West of Broadway and South of Home Road) was given its second reading and, at the request of the petitioner, Mr. Radi moved it be postponed to 6/5/00; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

2. Ordinance C-28-00 (Approve the Special Use Permit for Outdoor Jazz Concerts located at the Buckeye Ranch on Hoover Road) was given its first reading.

Dr. Les Bostic, The Buckeye Foundation, explained that the Ranch has an opportunity, not a certain opportunity, to bring to the community a Summer Jazz Concert series that would be held on three Saturday evenings. The partnership between the Ranch and Smooth Jazz Radio Station provides both the Ranch and the community with a quality promotion. The Ranch is always looking for ways to generate funds to do the work of the Ranch. For years, they have been engaged in special event activity, such as the Tennis Tournament. That event, in particular, brought Grove City some degree of prominence and those who came to the event were managed conveniently and without any issues. With this event, they have the opportunity to bring approximately 4,000 people to the Ranch for each of the concerts. Dr. Bostic said he is attempting to gain the approval of Council for this event without the certainty to actually acquire the event this summer. The radio station is a Dublin-based station and they are looking at the Wendy's corporate center also. He didn't want to lay back and miss the opportunity to present the Ranch as a viable location. The decision will be made within the next two weeks and he asked Council to waive the provisions and act on the request this evening. He then introduced Ms. Sharon Whalen, Marketing Director for Smooth Jazz.

Ms. Whalen explained that this will be the third year for the concert series. The first two years the radio station was just a promotional vehicle. This year, they are conducting the concerts (putting up the money, hiring the bands, etc.). The concerts were previously held at Herron Bay, at Buckeye Lake. She commented that the crowds were very well behaved and jazz music tends to attract a more mature, sophisticated audience. They do not know what to estimate on attendance, since they are moving the concerts. They have partnered with NBC, as a television partner. She made it clear that The Buckeye Ranch would be the non-profit organization they will work with, regardless of where the concerts would be held.

Mr. Radi asked if they understood that this Special Use Permit is for three specific dates only. Dr. Bostic and Ms. Whalen said yes, they understood. Mr. Eversman asked what the average attendance was for the three concerts last year. Ms. Whalen said she could only estimate, as they were not responsible for keeping count and it wasn't done very well, the last concert – which was the largest attended – was between 4,500 – 5,500 people. Mr. Fulton asked why the venue is being moved. Ms. Whalen explained that the concert series began with the intension of it not being a long-term situation. It was, actually, a featured event at the Parade of Homes several years ago. It is, primarily, being moved because the radio station is now taking it over and Buckeye Lake is far from home for many of their listeners. They want to make a long-term decision that is right for the station and the concert series, because they want it to continue. Mr. Fulton asked about beer/wine sales and “carry-in”. Ms. Whalen explained that the radio station cannot hold a liquor license and cannot do anything about it one way or the other. It is a feature of the concert series, that beer/wine is served. The Ranch, as a non-profit organization, can apply for a single-use permit for each concert. They will train and representatives from Anheuser-Bush will train individuals on the right way to handle beer/wine sales. She said the proceeds of all the alcohol sales would go to the Ranch. They will not allow alcohol or glass to be brought in to the concerts. They can bring a picnic, but, will be stopped and asked to show its contents. Mr. Fulton said the set-up has been looked at as a “Picnic with the Pops” approach. Ms. Whalen said it was safe to say that the set-up of the event was modeled after Picnic with the Pops, but, the liquor was not. That is a source of revenue for the Ranch. She said they do not force it upon anyone and they will have soft drinks and coffee available too. She said this is not a heavy alcohol-consumption crowd.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved to waive the Rules of Council and suspend the waiting period; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Mr. Radi moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

3. Resolution CR-24-00 (Waive the Provisions of Section 729.04 (b) & (d) titled Outdoor Concert Limitations for the Buckeye Ranch Foundation for its Outdoor Jazz Concerts to be held June 24, July 15 & August 19, 2000) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Radi explained that this would waive two limitations for outdoor concerts for the three dates. Those being: 1500 yards from residentially zoned property and a 3 ½ hour time limit.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

4. Resolution CR-25-00 (Set forth the Municipal Services that can be furnished to 99.034 acres located at 3820 London-Groveport Road, upon its annexation) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney for petitioner, explained that this is the services resolution for the annexation. Mr. Eversman commented that the zoning of this property would be addressed if and when it would be annexed. Mr. Hull concurred.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by President Bennett.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

5. Resolution CR-26-00 (Set forth the Municipal Services that can be furnished to 1.955 acres located at 5929 Haughn Road, upon its annexation) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney for petitioner, was present to answer any questions. There being none, Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

6. Resolution CR-27-00 (Set forth the Municipal Services that can be furnished to 1.0 acres located North of Casa Blvd. and East of State Route 62, upon its annexation) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by President Bennett.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

7. Resolution CR-28-00 (Approve the Final Development Plan for a Shelter House for the Church of Christ located at 3767 Grove City Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. William Buehl, representing the Church, explained that they wished to erect a 22 x 46 shelter house on the church grounds for the purpose of having social activities. There will be no amplification. President Bennett asked if any additional parking is required. Mr. Buehl said they currently have adequate parking and there is no need to add more. President Bennett asked how far away they would be to adjoining neighbors. Mr. Buehl said they are approximately 80 to 100 feet from the church and is separated from the neighborhood quite well.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi move it be approved; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

8. Resolution CR-29-00 Approve the Final Development Plan for a Concession Stand/Press Box Building and Bike Path for Jackson Middle School located at 2271 Holton Rd.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Mark Waller, SWCS, as well as Mr. Jeff Brooks, architect, were present to answer any questions. Mr. Radi reviewed the stipulations set by Planning Commission, which was agreed

to. Mr. Brooks stated that with regard to the stipulation of using split-face block, they are willing to do this, but, it will be necessary to paint the block. He said it would be painted with an epoxy in a matching color, to help seal it. President Bennett confirmed that they would be able to maintain a color that would match the split-face color. Mr. Brooks said yes. With regard to lighting of the path, he explained that they would add an additional fixture on the light stand to the south parking lot, which will provide adequate one-foot candle light level readings across the entire length of the path (from north parking lot to south parking lot). They have also added a downward facing fixture on the west side of the building that will provide light, right near the concession stand/press box building. There will be no lights on the football field. Mr. Radi confirmed that the Bike Path would be of asphalt material. Mr. Brooks confirmed that it would be an eight-foot wide, asphalt paved bike path. It will connect the front and back parking lots to the football stadium.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by President Bennett.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

9. Resolution CR-30-00 (Approve the Final Development Plan for Parking Lot Improvements to the SWCS Transportation Facility located at 3427 Southwest Blvd.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Mark Waller, SWCS, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Radi reviewed the stipulations set by Planning Commission, which Mr. Waller agreed to. He explained that they intend to match the existing lighting height, which is 25', with the new lights.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

10. Resolution CR-31-00 (Approve the Final Development Plan for the Ameritech Building Addition located at 4562 Haughn Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Kyle Aebker, representing Ameritech, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Radi reviewed the stipulations, which Mr. Aebker agreed to. Mr. Aebker stated that the original plans did not show any modification to the storm sewer. They have found that they are undersized and he has spoken to Mr. Kohman, City's Consulting Engineer, and the 8" storm sewer line that exists will be extended and tied into a 12" line that will tie into the City's system. Mr. Kohman commented that they would work with Mr. Aebker on this.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

Resolution CR-32-00 (Inform the Ohio General Assembly of Grove City's Position relative to Passage of Proposed Annexation Reform Measures) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by President Bennett.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Klemack, Chairman of the Safety Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-25-00 (Amend Section 1136.06(d) titled Interior Vehicular Use Areas) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on May 01, 2000.
2. Ordinance C-29-00 (Amend Various Sections of the Codified Ordinances relating to Screening of Service/Mechanical Equipment) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on May 01, 2000.
3. Ordinance C-30-00 (Amend Table 1135.12II of the Codified Ordinances relating to Maximum Height Requirements) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on May 01, 2000.
4. Ordinance C-31-00 (Amend Chapter 1323 of the Codified Ordinances titled Signs) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on May 01, 2000.

Mr. Fulton commented that he would like to see some better definition and will be working on this, with a possible amendment at the next hearing.

The Chair recognized Mr. Eversman, Chairman of the Finance Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-26-00 (Appropriate \$244,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the reconstruction of Cleveland Avenue) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman explained that this is the City's portion of the project.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Eversman moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

2. Ordinance C-27-00 (Establish the Cleveland Avenue CDBG Fund and Appropriate \$200,000.00 from Said Fund for the Current Expense of Road Reconstruction) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman explained that this is the companion piece to Ord. C-27-00 and this is the portion of the funds being received, by the City, for the project.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Eversman moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

3. Ordinance C-32-00 (Appropriate \$20,911.75 from the Community Environment Tree Fund for the Current Expense of Tree Installation and to declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Eversman explained that due to spring arriving early, it is necessary to expedite this ordinance for planting purposes.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Eversman moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

Mr. Eversman moved to approved this ordinance as an emergency; seconded by President Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

4. Ordinance C-33-00 (Appropriate \$12,000.00 from the Bond Retirement Fund for the Current Expense of Debt Service) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be May 1, 2000.
5. Ordinance C-34-00 (Appropriate \$25,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Contract Plumbing Inspections) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be May 1, 2000.
6. Ordinance C-35-00 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Lease Agreement for a DARE Program Vehicle and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Eversman explained that at the previous meeting, Council accepted the use of said vehicle. It is necessary to pass this legislation to receive the vehicle immediately and take care of the legalities of such a donation.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Eversman moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Mr. Eversman moved this be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

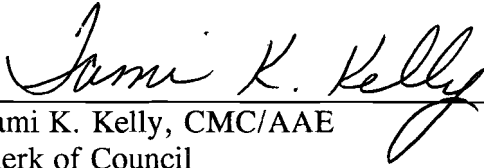
The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

There being no new business, the Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.


1. Mr. Blackburn, Dir. Of Service and sitting in for the Administration, announced that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. to review the landscaping proposals for the three freeway entrances/exits in the City with Edsall & Assoc.
2. Mr. Lathrop, Urban Forester, announced events for Arbor Week. Grove City Lumber has donated seedlings and they will be handed out at the Library on 4/26; the Poster winners were Monterey and J.C. Sommer elementary schools; and approx. 100 people participated in the tree sale.

3. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AAE
Clerk of Council



Steven M. Bennett
President